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Mexico	\$175,945,345
Netherlands	463,150,904
Norway	70,376,355
Portugal	819,886,580
Russia (before the late war)	3,414,061,734
(Now over four billions.)	
Spain	2,061,389,972
Sweden	92,833,336
Switzerland	17,400,567
Turkey	723,125,400
United States	925,011,637
Venezuela	49,335,647

If we add to this the debts of the twenty-three other powers, the total of the national debts of the world is found to be the colossal sum of \$34,633,164,406. The significance, in this connection, of this vast sum, the interest on which is over one billion dollars per year, is that practically the whole is chargeable to war and militarism.

Correspondence.

PHILADELPHIA, March 13, 1907.

EDITOR ADVOCATE OF PEACE:

Dear Sir: Can you give me a little space in your valuable paper to express a wish that a Peace Temple, or something of the sort, may be established at Newport, R. I.?

It has been my good fortune for a number of years past to spend some of my vacation days at this historic resort, not so much to see the gayeties of life, but the beautiful scenery, the superb harbor, and the air of Newport combine to make surroundings that appeal strongly to the student of nature, of history or of human affairs.

As a number of foreign ambassadors usually spend the summer at Newport, it has frequently been spoken of as the summer capital.

My wish is to see purchased and turned into a Peace Temple, with proper equipment, the Maitland Villa estate, comprising a fine old mansion and some fifteen acres of ground. The price of the estate is \$20,000.

From the house there is a fine view of the harbor entrance, where one can see clearly every war vessel or pleasure yacht that comes into or out of Newport. There is a splendid grove of trees on the front lawn of the estate, with always a delightful breeze playing; also one magnificent red oak tree.

The house is reputed to have been the residence of Jay Gould at the time when he mapped out the financial plan resulting in Black Friday, so that to turn it into a more peaceful atmosphere would seem fitting and proper.

For many years the Villa has been a favorite boarding place for many families prominent in the navy, as it is

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but a short walk from the Naval College, where boys of our nation are taught the methods of naval warfare.

On the left of the harbor, and in full view of the spot where the Peace Temple would be situated, lies Fort Adams, a large military fortress, and nearby is the Torpedo Station, where the torpedoes are made for the torpedo boats, of which there are usually about a dozen at the island. In the centre of the view is Rose Island Light House, where there is a large storehouse for dynamite, gunpowder, etc.

During my visit there last season (1906) four of our large war vessels left for Manila, to be gone three years. We were told that they were worth \$32,000,000. They had over two thousand men on board, and they spent \$20,000 in Newport for provisions. To see from the Crag Drive this vast sum of money floating out to sea, and to think of the two thousand homes with one member gone from each, was indeed a very suggestive subject for the student of humankind or of Christ's gospel of "Peace on earth."

So I can conceive of no more fitting place in our country for a Peace Temple, a great and well equipped centre of peace work, than Newport.

With respect,

DAVID H. WRIGHT.

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